Training Courses for Doctors

3672. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the training courses made available to Doctors etc. in 1992 and proposed for 1993 by the Medical Council of India in different parts of the country;

(b) what steps the Council has taken to include CGHS Doctors, Central and State Doctors in different Training programmes of the Council; and

(c) what are the in service training courses available/proposed to be made available to service doctors of CGHS by the DGHS ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The Medical Council of India organized 24 training courses during 1992 which covered various specialities including Paediatric Oncology, Gastroenterology, Ophthalmology, Clinical Pharmacology, Anaesthesiology. The programmes were conducted in different institutions in the country and a similar number are proposed to be held in 1993-94 also. CME Programmes are open to doctors in the Central and State Governments.

(c) Under the Scheme for imparting inservice training to the doctors of Central Health Service, which includes CGHS, training courses on National Health Policy, National Health Programmes, Family Welfare Programmes, Leadership and Motivation, Hospital Planning, Rural Health Services, etc. are organised through various training institutions in the country.

Strike by Delhi Nurses Union

3673. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the Delhi Nurses Union staged a day-long dharna on 2-12-92 in front of Nirman Bhawan in support of their demands for time-bound promotions, better security for nurses and other rellated issues;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to improve the conditions o fthe nurses ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The representatives of Nurses Union had a meeting on 1st December with the officers in this Ministry to discuss their demands. The office bearers and some members of the association also assembled on 2nd December to reiterate their demands.

(b) Their main demands included creation of additional posts in various nursing cadres and construction of a Nurses Colony to provide family accommodation for nurses working in Central Government Hospitals as well as security of Nurses. The nurses were informed of the steps taken by Government relating to these matters.

(c) The main measures envisage removing stagnation among Nurses at various levels and initiating steps to establish a residential Colony for them.

Security for Nurses in Government Hospital

3674. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the nurses in the Government hospitals are demanding adequate security cover for the staff because of increasing number of complaints of harassment and molestation by the employees of the hospital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures Government have taken to check the harassment ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The administration of some Government hospitals had proposed strengthening of the security arrangements. Government have allowed Safdarjang Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital to engage a security agency for this purpose.

(b) and (c) Some isolated cases of misbehaviour have been reported. Prompt disciplinary action has however been initiated in all such cases.

Registering cases under the incitement to Disaffection Act

3675. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have registered some cases under the Incitement to Disaffection Act against some newspapers which are making incendiary pronouncements almost dialy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) There does not appear to be any Act titled "Incitement to Disaffection Act."

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Security of Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi before his Assessination

3676. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJI RAO SHINDE : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS bepleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about a week before the assassination of the former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Ghandhi Central Intelligence agencies had cautioned Government about a threat from U. K. based Babbar Khalsa that they were contempleting an attempt on the lives of Shri Rajiv Gandhi and his son Shri Rahul Gandhi, by using unconventional methods like poisoned gloves; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken to augment security arrangements for former Prime Minister and his family members in the light of such threats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Information to the effect that the Babbar Khalsa leadership, UK were contemplating an attempt on the lives of Shri Rajiv Gandhi and Shri Rahul Gandhi by using unconventional method like gloves contaminated with poison was received by the Government on April 11, 1991.

(b) The Police authorities of all the State/UTs were sensitised about this threat were advised to take appropriate precautionary measures to ensure their security.